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Guatemalan Communists

Seeking More Funds

Place Acquired: Guatemala, Guatemala City

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- 1. It is reported that the plans of local Communists to hold a Central American Youth Festival have been altered, and that the proposed conference has been moved up from October to December 1954. The reason behind this shift is that the Partido Guatemalteco de Trabajo (PGT) is very preoccupied with the current state of affairs, particularly with the activities of the clergy and the opposition. Therefore, in a recent meeting of the Saker-Ti group, which comprises most of the prominent Communist youth leaders in the country, it was agreed that the October conference should be postponed. It was also pointed out that the October date might be connected in some way with the Guatemalan revolution, and that it is important that the conference be regarded as a Central American affair.
 - 2. Because of the activities of the opposition and the anti-Communists it is argued by ReT leaders that a program of reinforcement must be pushed. The party budget must be expanded, and consequently the dues of those members who are in arrears must be collected. However, in the face of a need for more funds, the party directors have received news that the volume of resignations has been increasing. During the first week in May 1954, for example, 122 persons were reported to have left the Party. This state of affairs, coupled with the increased pressure of the opposition on the ARBENZ regime, has alarmed PGT leaders.